

Minutes of Granby cum Sutton Parish Council

21st November 2024

Councillor's Present: Cllr T Fewell (Chair) (TF), M Stevenson (MS), S March (SM), B Preece (BP),
R Biggs (RB), M Tubbs (MT),

In Attendance: Cllr C Grocock (CG), S Ellis (Clerk)

Open Session: Parishioner raised issue of possible traffic from Solar Farm construction passing through Granby, asked for people to keep an "eye out" for it. (TF) said he would put a reminder on Website.

(TF) presented a gift & thankyou to Erika Humphries for her commitment to unlocking and locking up for Village Hall bookings.

(CG) Hawksworth/Thoroton Solar Farm – Parishioners there seeking a possible Judicial review.

(CG) Informed Cllrs that no plans for house building in Cranmer Ward up till 2027-28.

(CG) showed new Neighbourhood Poster to Cllrs. Cllrs agreed on which sites to put up the posters.

(CG) asked for the PC to ask for further representation from Parishioners for the Neighbourhood Scheme.

1. **Apologies for absence & acceptance:** R Kuca (RK), F Purdue-Horan (FPH) were received.
2. **Declaration of interest on items below:** None were stated.
3. **Approval of minutes 10th October 2024 to be signed:** were signed by the Chair (TF).
4. **Review of previous actions:**

Entrance Sign for Village Hall: (BP) Ordered & put up on wall: Noted.

Tree on Village Green: (SM) Crown of the tree has been raised: Noted.

Chairman to thank Erika: Thanks were given during the Open Session by (TF).

Standing Orders on the Website: (TF) has placed on Website.

Christmas Tree, two for Church: Agreed that (TF) would chase up possible contact to obtain 2 Trees for Granby Church & 1 for Sutton green.

5. **Correspondence (all Correspondence shared with Full Council since last meeting):** Notts Local Nature Recovery Scheme, Notts Police PSM, Hawksworth/Thoroton Solar Farm Decision, Notts ALC Nov Newsletter, GNSP – Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan, RCAN Spring Cluster group meeting – venue, Raise The Roof – Latest Balance.

Agreed that Granby PC (MS) will host Spring Cluster Group Meeting on Wed Feb 12th 10am.

Cllrs agreed on need for more transparency and clarity for Parishioners, detailing what each event has raised. (Clerk) to liaise with (MT) for a clearer spreadsheet format. (TF) stressed need for a receipt book for when receiving cash raised from fund raising events.

6. **Halloween Quiz Night event, Review:** (MT) thanked everyone for their help and stated it was a good night, a big success and displayed good community spirit.

- 7. Update – Fire Doors & Fire Risk Assessment:** Clerk to continue to look for the Fire Risk Assessment and will laise with previous Clerk.
- 8. Neighbourhood Plan update:** Nothing to add as addressed earlier in meeting.
- 9. Lengthsman Scheme: (Clerk):** Cllrs were informed of mechanics of how the scheme works. (MT) enquired how Volunteer Lengthsman Scheme work in other villages. Cllrs agreed we should look to apply to join the Scheme and find a Lengthsman. (CG) informed Cllrs of idea of a possible joint Lengthsman to work for multiple Parishes.
- 10. Village Hall: Update on formation of Committee's, Surveyor Reports update: (TF):** No further updates at this moment. (RB) stated the need for a person with Technical/Building knowledge/skills. (TF) to approach a possible Parishioner who may be able to help. Need for an Asbestos Survey was stated, (Clerk) to investigate this and find out costs of a Survey.
- 11. Discussion and updates on progress of Planning Application 24/01451/OUT/HYBRID:** (MS) stated a decision by RBC by 28th November. (CG) stated that the Hybrid nature of the application has delayed the decision. (CG) said that the PC should talk about the Community benefits at Planning Meeting

12. Planning Applications:

Reference Number: 24/01897/PAQ

Applicant: Mark Harrison

Development: Prior approval application under class Q to allow change of use and conversion of a red-brick agricultural building to form 1 no. dwellinghouse

Location: Field South-west of Belvoir Vue Sutton Lane Granby Nottinghamshire: Whilst Cllrs agreed that it would be a good development, they would like more detail, i.e. is the building an increase on the original footprint. (Clerk) has entered their concerns on RBC Planning Portal.

13. Planning Notifications:

24/00139CONARE

Reduce Peach and Mulberry by 2-4m, reduce 2 Hawthorns by 2m, Reduce Maple by 4-5m at Woodbine Cottage.

24/00140/CONARE

Reduce, Thin Out and Remove Deadwood from Honey Locust at Claythorn, Granby

24/00146/CONCARE

Fell Laburnum at Keepers Cottage, Granby Due to Decay.

24/00196/CONCARE

Carry Out Formative Pruning to 2 Box, Small Plum and Hawthorn to Reduce Size and Create a More Formal Shape, Reduce Maple by 1m, Prune Back to Boundary Hornbeam and Bay at Mill Cottage

All four of the above were notified to the meeting, no objections stated.

14. Finance:

To approve all payments – paid & to be paid.

- 14.1 Planned Internet Banking update:** (TF) stated all forms complete, now needs signatures.
- 14.2 Budget Setting Discussion:** Budget for 2024-25 was discussed at meeting but no final decisions agreed. Stressed that “Raise The Roof” costs should not appear in the Budget.
- 14.3 Agree Budget Setting Date:** Agreed that Budget and Precept would be set at Jan 25 meeting.
- 14.4 Discuss Grass Cutting – Finance:** Cllrs agreed to award Grass cutting contract for 2025 to P E Hempstead & Sons.
- 14.5 Approve Q2 Accounts:** Q2 Accounts were approved.

Current account balance (as at 31/10/24)	£ 8,835.59
Reserve Account (as at 30/09/24)	£10,893.36
	- £232.00 Donations
	£10,661.36 Actual Figure
Sumup Account (as at 17/11/24)	£ 1,141.88

15. Councillor’s Reports:

15.1 Footpath on Sutton Lane: (SM) stated problem of mud on road and pavement on Sutton Lane. (Clerk) to contact VIA/Notts CC to find out who is responsible for cleaning.

(RB) stated Granby Lane Rabbit Farm hedge not replanted. (CG) said he would contact them.

(MT) stated that white lines on road had disappeared on Granby Lane right turn near River Whipling. (Clerk) to investigate this.

(MT) to pursue the printing of 80 Carol on the Green singing sheets.

(MT) to resign post on HR committee and (BP) to take over.

16. Chairman’s Reports: No report given.

Meeting closed at 21.05

Chair (TF) Signature

Date